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A New Perspective of Your Park

Since the infancy of the Inventory & Monitoring Program, and more specifically the Pacific Island Network (PACN), we have framed natural resources information by grouping similar resources together. For the PACN, this network perspective spans the thousands of nautical miles that string together the In addition to the traditional national parks of the tropical Pacific.

A geographical grouping of information about a resource, birds for example, is a logical way to present the information and data we collect. We devote whole web pages and database search categories to sharing what we know about birds in the CNMI, Hawaii, and American Samoa.

But it's more likely that you want to know about birds specifically in your park. Of course, you can sort through a database to target information on your park's birds. Although effective, this process

Visit our new web site:

nps.gov/im/units/pacn/

Select "Network Parks"

from the left-hand

Choose your park

navigation bar

http://science.nature.

can be off-putting for some. Most likely, you didn't bother to search a database unless you really needed the information.

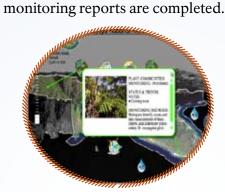
The NPS Inventory & Monitoring Program has heard you.

ways to access natural resources information, the new I&M network web site now features park-centric web pages devoted to I&M Program information in each individual park. All I&M natural resources information on the park you care about the most is grouped together in one easy-to-find location, complete with links to the powerful IRMA database.

Now you can go to your park's PACN page and get direct links to just about everything we know about your park... inventories, monitoring results, briefs, videos, data, and more. All in one place.

The PACN has taken this new perspective a step further. Within our park-focused web pages, we have included special interactive park maps of generally where I&M conducts which monitoring protocols. We've included brief notes on when, why, and how we monitor. We also list a few highlights of what we've found. This information is updated as new

FOR THE PUBLIC, STUDENTS, & PARK STAFF



Kalaupapa NHP

These maps provide a simple overview of vital signs monitoring in specific parks. They offer a sense of place to the work we do with photos and brief descriptions of the surroundings. Finally, sprinkled throughout the text are little reminders of why these resources are important in the first place.

We hope you'll find this new perspective refreshing.

"Easily find out about the condition of the birds, plants, invasive plants, fish, corals, water... or whatever we monitor in the park you work in, live near, or just love."

> -C. Nash, NPS Science **Communications**



Your turn. EXPLORE A MONITORING MAP OF A PARK YOU CARE ABOUT NOW.

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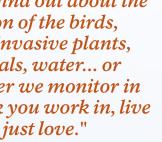
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War in

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Down by the Wayside

I&M partnered with Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park to enhance a wayside sign at the widely visited Nāhuku site (Thurston Lava Tube).

Now any park visitor reading this wayside and listening to the natural birdsong of the area ('ōma'o frequently call there) can supplement their understanding of Pacific island national park birds. Smartphone users simply scan a QR code at the top of the wayside that directs visitors to an NPS video about Landbirds monitoring in the parks.



QR codes are popping up in interpretive media throughout national parks, opening up a whole new avenue for resources exploration. Usage of this feature is easily trackable, giving parks a good idea of the popularity of the product. Hopefully, this is a good "sign" of things to come.

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War in

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(North)